

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00726-EGS**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/15/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/15/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6003140) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/15/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/15/2019)

03/15/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 03/22/19. (Attachment: # Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/03/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/22/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/21/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/22/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/22/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Powers, James) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than May 24, 2019. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiff's FOIA requests; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA requests; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA requests; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 5/2/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Scheduling Order due by 5/24/2019. (mac) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Eric William Payne Lee on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>re Minute Order dated May 2, 2019</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Powers, James) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report informing the Court of the status of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and proposing a joint recommendation for further proceedings by no later than August 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 5/29/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Recommendation For Further Proceedings due by 8/23/2019. (mac) (Entered: 05/30/2019)